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(sketch of small tank)

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report on
rail transports and equipment in the Potsdam-Magdeburg area. The report
contains information on three rail movements in this area during the
period 15-20 August 1959 and on a small tank sighted near Magdeburg.

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Comment. This appears to be a recovery vehicle). Included
is a sketch of this tank.

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EAST GERMANY/J.S.S.R.MILITARYRAIL TRANSPORTS AND EQUIPMENT IN POTSDAM - MAGDEBURG.(15 - 20 August 1959)

1. Between 1400 and 1900 hours on 15th August, 1959, a Soviet rail transport was loaded in SATZKORN:

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The train left SATZKORN at 1900 hours in the direction of JUTERBOG.

2. At 2030 hours on 19th August, 1959, a Soviet rail transport was moving from MAGDEBURG in the direction of BRANDENBURG:

25 [] truck and 1 x 37 mm A/A gun.
(the guns had sharply angled gun shields and were not tarpaulin-covered)

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4 [] with Soviet troops.

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3. At 0430 hours on 20th August, 1959, a Soviet rail transport passed through MAGDEBURG from the BRANDENBURG direction in the direction of BUCKAU or ROSLAU:

21 [] truck and 1 x 37 mm A/A gun
5 [] with Soviet troops.
8 [] each with 1 x T 34.

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4. There is a Soviet barracks located S of the BIEDERITZ - MAGDEBURG railway line, some 2½ - 3 km. from MAGDEBURG - NEUSTADT railway station in the BIEDERITZ direction []. The N side of the barracks is bounded by the railway line. At 0820 hours on 19th August, 1959, six Soviet soldiers were working on a tank standing near the barracks fence. The tank was unusually small, being about 2 m. long and 1.3 m. tall. It had 6 - 7 very small bogey wheels, measuring about 0.2 m in diameter. On top of the tank was mounted a rail some .30 - .40 m broad which protruded over each end of the vehicle. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a sketch of the tank as seen from the side and from an angle.

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